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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE
PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

In the matter of:

JOHN B. MATTHEW & LAURENCE H GOODYEAR
Application No PCT/US99/08072
Filed: 13 APR 99
For: Improved Papermaking Screenplate & Method of Construction

Hon. Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks
Washington D.C. 20231

Sir:

DECLARATION

John B. Matthew, a citizen of the United States, residing at 21 East Rocks Road, Norwalk, Conn., 06851, and Laurence H Goodyear, a citizen of the United States, residing at 36 Flying Cloud Road, Stamford, Conn., 06902, hereby declare, with effect as of April 13, 1999 that:

We are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled Improved Papermaking Screenplate & Method of Construction described and claimed in Patent Cooperation Treaty application PCT/US99/08072 filed 13 April 1999.

We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 1.56(a).

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code Sec. 119 of foreign applications for patent or inventors' certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventors' certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

NONE

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that the statements were made with the knowledge that willful false

statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.



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